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SUBJECT: RUMORED ARREST IN JOS OF MILITARY OFFICERS

1. AMBASSADOR EASUM DURING WEEKEND VISIT TO JOS PICKED UP RUMOR THAT 20 ARMY OFFICERS, INCLUDING 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION COMMANDER, MAJ. GEN ABISOYE, WERE ARRESTED ON APRIL 16 FOR ALLEGED PLOT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST HEAD OF STATE DURING RECENT EXPECTED VISIT OF OBASANJO TO JOS. (VISIT DID NOT TAKE PLACE.)
2. AS I TOLD AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY, I WAS SCEPTICAL OF RUMOR IN LIGHT ATTENDANCE BY MAJ GEN JALO, NIGERIAN DEFENSE ACADEMY (NDA) COMMANDANT, AND BRIGADIER EJIGA, STAFF COLLEGE COMMANDANT, AT MY APRIL 17 PARTY FOR VISITING DATT. (IN EVENT A MAJOR GENERAL HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON SUCH GROUNDS, SENIOR OFFICERS WOULD HAVE BEEN KEEPING HEADS LOW OR CONSULTING AMONG THEMSELVES RATHER THAN ATTENDING FOREIGN COUNSUL-HOSTED COCKTAIL.)

3. I SAW JALO AT NDA FUNCTION LAST NIGHT AND ASKED HIM ABOUT RUMORED ARRESTS. HE ADMITTED HAVING HEARD SAME RUMOR BUT SAID HE HAD TELEPHONED ABISOYE YESTERDAY TO FIND THAT HE WAS "ON SEAT". JALO ADDED, THAT RUMOR

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PROBABLY CONNECTED WITH FACT THAT SO MANY OF "THOSE BOYS" WERE FROM PLATEAU STATE 'JOS) IN CONTEXT OF CONVERSATION "THOSE BOYS" REFERRED TO OFFICERS INVOLVED IN FEBRUARY 76 ASSASSINATION OF MURTALA MOHAMMED. AT SAME PARTY ANOTHER SOURCE WHOM I QUERIED ABOUT RUMOR HAD ALSO HEARD ABOUT ALLEGED ARRESTS BUT IN CONNECTION WITH NAIRA 37,000 WHICH HAD "DISAPPEARED INTO THIS AIR" RATHER THAN IN TERMS

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